

REMARKS

Applicants and Applicants' attorney express appreciation to the Examiner for the courtesies extended during the recent interview held on July 20, 2006. Reconsideration and allowance for the above-identified application are respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks. Claims 1-33, 35 and 37-52 remain pending in the application, wherein claims 1, 18, 24, 51 and 52 have been amended. No claims were added or cancelled by this amendment.

As suggested by the Examiner during the examiner interview, the independent claims were amended in order to more specifically recite more details regarding the components and method used to make the fluoride-releasing glass compositions. Support for forming glass compositions from a phosphorus oxide (exemplified by P_2O_5) is found at paragraph [0018] ("The phosphorus may be included in the composition as an oxide, such as P_2O_5 "). Support for using an oxide and/or fluoride of one or more of Na, K, Li or Al (and optionally one or more of Ca, Mg or Zn) is found in the application at paragraphs [0011], [0012] and [0018]. Support for "combining" the components is found at paragraph [0040] (describing that "batch components . . . were thoroughly mixed"). Support for melting the components is found at paragraph [0014] (describing a "melting temperature") and [0040] (describing a "melt", "melting furnace" and "melting").

The Office Action provisionally rejects claims 1-33, 35 and 37-52 on the grounds of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-25 of copending Application No. 10/726,218. Without acquiescing in this rejection, Applicants are filing a Terminal Disclaimer herewith in order to obviate this rejection and thereby expedite prosecution.

In conclusion, Applicant submits that the Application is currently in allowable form. In the event that the Examiner finds any remaining impediment to a prompt allowance of this

application that may be clarified through a telephone interview or which may be overcome by examiner amendment, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney.

Dated this 22nd day of July 2006.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J.M. Gynn", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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